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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUXEMBOURG 0538

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE 30TH UNGA

REF: STATE 158345

1. ON JULY 11 DCM DISCUSSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA WITH PAUL MERTZ, GOL DEPUY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MFA. MERTZ WAS WELL AWARE OF ISSUE AND SAID OF HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS EARLIER IN WEEK ON SAME QUESTION. HE SAID GOL POSITION, WHICH HE HAD OUTLINED AS WELL TO SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR, WAS THAT LUXEMBOURG WOULD CERTAINLY VOTE INFAVOR OF KOREAN RESOLUTION BUT WAS HESITANT TO BECOME CO-SPONSOR BECAUSE OF THORN'S PROSPECTIVE ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE 30TH UNGA. MERTZ ADDED THAT THORN WISHES TO PRESERVE IMAGE OF EVEN-HANDEDNESS AND THEREFORE DOES NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN CO-SPONSORING KOREAN RESOLUTION OR OTHERS. WHEN SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT ALGERIA HAD CO-SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS WHEN BOUTEFLIKA WAS PRESIDENT OF UNGA, MERTZ REPLIED THAT THORN WOULD NOT NECESSARILY TAKE BOUTEFLIKA AS HIS MODEL FOR
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UNGA PRESIDENCY.

2. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT GOL DOES NOT WISH TO
CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF THORN'S FORTHCOMING
PRESIDENCY. HOWEVER, MERTZ STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT
LUXEMBOURG COULD GO ALONG WITH ITS COMMUNITY
PARTNERS IF A MAJORITY OF EC-9 DECIDED TO CO-SPONSOR RE-
SOLUTION. FARKAS

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